

DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In response to the Office action dated October 5, 2007, and further to the amendments filed on January 07, 2008, applicant's request in light of the amendments and/or remarks have been care fully reviewed and respectfully considered.

Applicant's response filed on 01/07/08, indicates that claims 2 through 14 are cancelled. And the only remaining independent claim 1 has been amended and new dependent claims 15 and 16 that depend on claim 1 are submitted, and claims 1, 15-16 are currently pending in the application.

Applicant's arguments/remarks as indicated on page 8 through 10, are believed to be distinct from the prior art (Anderson) used to reject the application in the last Office action.

Therefore, claims 1 and 15-16, are allowed for the reason the prior art searched and of record neither anticipates nor suggests a recording sheet feeding portion which feeds a recording s. an original feeding portion which feeds an original; a feeding roller which transports the recording sheet fed by the recording sheet feeding portion or original fed by the original reading portion a movable carriage which carries a recording head for discharging ink to form images on the recording sheet; a platen for supporting

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the recording sheet on which images are formed by the recording head; a reading portion which reads images on the original, the reading portion being rotatable against the platen; and a cap which caps the recording head at an end portion of a moving range of the carriage, wherein in a case that images are recorded on the recording sheet by the recording head, the reading portion moves to a first position which is out of a moving range of the carriage, and in a case that images on the originals are read by the reading portion, the carriage moves to a position to cap the recording head and the reading portion moves to a second position which is inside of the moving range of the carriage and not contacting the cap capping the recording head.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NEGUSSIE WORKU whose telephone number is (571)272-7472. The examiner can normally be reached on 9A-6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles can be reached on 571-272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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